

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3697–S3741

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1405–1426, S. Res. 199–201, and S. Con. Res. 18.

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Measures Reported:

S. 733, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting. (S. Rept. No. 115–116)

Report to accompany S. 131, to provide for the exchange of certain National Forest System land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 115–117)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 65 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 152), Marshall Billingslea, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

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4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

48 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

23 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—153)

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Svinicki Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 89 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 153), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination not expire until 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 26, 2017.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 4:00 p.m., on Monday, June 26, 2017.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3737.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Douglas Lowy, Acting

Director, National Cancer Institute, Gary Gibbons, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Richard Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, and Joshua Gordon, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, all of the National Institutes of Health.

REGULATOR PERSPECTIVE ON FOSTERING ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fostering economic growth, focusing on regulator perspective, including S. 366, to require the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies to take risk profiles and business models of institutions into account

when taking regulatory actions, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; J. Mark McWatters, Acting Board Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Keith A. Noreika, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; and Charles G. Cooper, Texas Department of Banking, Austin, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 2995–3030; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106; and H. Res. 400–403, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5111–12

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2998, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–188).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Carter (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Kevin Kitrell Ross, Unity of Sacramento, Sacramento, CA.

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Accelerating Individuals into the Workforce Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 396, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2842) to provide for the conduct of demonstration projects to test the effectiveness of subsidized employment for TANF recipients, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 317, after the previous question was or-

dered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 316.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act: H.R. 2353, amended, to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

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Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act: The House passed H.R. 1654, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 319.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

LaMalfa amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–186) that aligns H.R. 1654 with WIIN Act (S. 612 of the 114th Congress) provisions enhancing federal cooperation in planning and construction of State-led water storage projects by ensuring such projects are eligible for permit streamlining under this bill.

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Rejected:

Lowenthal amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–186) that sought to exempt any dam projects from being fast-tracked by the bill if it could harm commercial fisheries (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 318).

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H. Res. 392, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1873) and (H.R. 1654) was agreed to yesterday, June 21st.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5065–66, H5066–67, H5093–94, and H5095. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE NEXT FARM BILL: UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: University Research”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a markup on H.R. 2810, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”. H.R. 2810 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a markup on H.R. 2810, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”. H.R. 2810 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a markup on H.R. 2810, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”. H.R. 2810 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a markup on H.R. 2810, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”. H.R. 2810 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

STUDENT SAFETY IN THE JOB CORPS PROGRAM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Student Safety in the Job Corps Program”. Testimony was heard from Cindy Brown Barnes, Director, Education Workforce and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Larry Turner, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a markup on legislation on Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017; legislation on Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act; H.R. 2786, to amend the Federal Power Act with respect to the criteria and process to qualify a qualifying conduit hydropower facility; H.R. 2883, the “Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act”; and H.R. 2910, the “Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act”. Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017, Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act, H.R. 2883, and H.R. 2910 were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment. H.R. 2786 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM IN THE MODERN ERA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Juvenile Justice Reform in the Modern Era”. Testimony was heard from Joe Vignati, Assistant Commissioner, Chief of Staff, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice; Devon McDonald, Chief of Staff, General Counsel, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR’S SPENDING PRIORITIES AND THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal”. Testimony was heard from Ryan Zinke, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 218, the “King Cove Road Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 289, the “Guides and Outfitters Act”; H.R. 597, the “Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2017”; H.R. 954, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham

County, Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1107, the “Pershing County Economic Development and Conservation Act”; H.R. 1306, the “Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act”; H.R. 1397, to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes; H.R. 1399, the “American Soda Ash Competitiveness Act”; H.R. 1404, the “Pascua Yaqui Tribe Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 1541, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain property related to the Fort Scott National Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas, and for other purposes; H.R. 1719, the “John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act”; H.R. 1731, the “RECLAIM Act of 2017”; H.R. 1913, the “Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act”; H.R. 1927, the “African American Civil Rights Network Act of 2017”; H.R. 2053, the “Mining School Enhancement Act”; H.R. 2156, the “Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Memorial Act”; H.R. 2370, the “Escambia County Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 2425, the “Public Lands Telecommunications Act”; H.R. 2936, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017”; H.R. 2937, the “Community Reclamation Partnerships Act”; H.R. 2939, the “Water Rights Protection Act of 2017”; and S. 249, to provide that the pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and for other purposes.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2763, the “Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Improvements Act of 2017”. H.R. 2763 was ordered reported, as amended.

IMPROVING BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT: SOLUTIONS FOR RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy, and Trade, hearing entitled “Improving Broadband Deployment: Solutions for Rural America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUILDING A 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AMERICA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Challenges and Opportunities for Intercity Passenger Rail Service”. Testimony was heard from Paul Nissenbaum, Associate Administrator, Railroad Policy and Development, Federal Railroad Administration; Dan Rich-

ard, Chair, California High-Speed Rail Authority; and public witnesses.

FY 2018 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “FY 2018 Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for the Veterans Health Administration”. Testimony was heard from Poonam Alaigh M.D., Acting Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

U.S. TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Trade Policy Agenda”. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES: FY 18 BUDGET REQUEST

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities: FY 18 Budget Request”. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, mark up on Appropriations Bill, FY 2018, 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the Extension of Safety Net Health Programs”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance, hearing entitled “The Exploitation of Cultural Property: Examining Illicit Activity in the Antiquities and Art Trade”, 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled “Examining Ethical Responsibilities Regarding Attorney Advertising”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Monday, June 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, June 23

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Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 2842—Accelerating Individuals into the Workforce Act.

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